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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed, and reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9 and 11 were originally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chiu (6,045,284).

However, the Examiner has pointed out that claims 5, 8 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Responsive to this, claim 5 is deleted, and claim 1 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 1 and 5 so as to make the claimed invention more distinguishably patentable over the prior art reference cited by the Examiner.

In addition, claim 8 is deleted, and claim 6 is amended to form an independent claim which is substantially the combination of original claims 6 and 8 so as to make the claimed invention more distinguishably patentable over the prior art reference cited by the Examiner.

In addition, claim 10 is deleted, and claim 9 is amended to form an independent claim which is substantially the combination of original claims 9 and 10 so as to make the claimed invention more distinguishably patentable over the prior art reference cited by the Examiner.

Accordingly, by the amendments, it is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) should be withdrawn, and the claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9 and 11 should be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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